

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

CLARA M. GOMEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

LTI SERVICE and RR DONNELLEY,

Defendants.

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Case No. 16 C 8445

MEMORANDUM ORDER

This Court's September 6, 2016 memorandum order (the "Order") was issued sua sponte "to address some problematic aspects" (really an understatement) of the Complaint of Employment Discrimination ("Complaint") and other filings by pro se plaintiff Clara Gomez ("Gomez"). After having identified several such problems that needed to be addressed by Gomez at the outset (really as a minimal prerequisite to Gomez' ability to proceed with her lawsuit), the Order concluded by granting her something over two weeks to file "an original and one copy of either an Amended Complaint or a supplement to the original Complaint, in either case providing all of the missing information referred to in this memorandum order."

In attempted response to that directive, on September 19 Gomez transmitted to the Clerk's Office a copy of the Order itself together with a hodgepodge of materials of an evidentiary nature. There is one thing that the current submissions did clear up -- the only matter that Gomez had set out in Complaint ¶ 13, which called for "[t]he facts supporting the plaintiff's claim of discrimination," was an opaque statement that defendants "did not provide interpreters during meeting." It now turns out that Gomez' claim relates to her hearing, or more accurately

her lack of hearing, for some of her current submissions acknowledge that she is deaf, and she alleges that she has been discriminated against because of that disability.

What is abundantly clear from all of Gomez' submissions is that she cannot handle her grievance on her own -- that is, without the assistance of counsel. Because the only Clerk's-Office-supplied forms that she has filled out and submitted are a Complaint of Employment Discrimination and an In Forma Pauperis Application, but not a Motion for Attorney Representation ("Motion"), this Court is transmitting to her, together with a copy of this memorandum order, three copies of the latter form. Gomez is urged to complete that form and to transmit two counterparts of the form (one for filing and the other to serve as the Judge's Copy) to the Clerk's Office, retaining the third copy for herself.

In completing the form, Gomez should be sure to fill in the blank space in paragraph 2, which asks her to identify whatever effort she has made to obtain counsel on her own. Those efforts need not be extensive, but some showing must be made to satisfy the requirement established by our Court of Appeals in that respect. As soon as the Motion is received in proper form, this Court plans to act on it so that Gomez' case can go forward in an appropriate way.



Milton I. Shadur
Senior United States District Judge

Date: September 28, 2016